

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:420

ANSWERED ON:16.04.2001

WELFARE OF WORKERS

SHEELA GAUTAM;VIJAY KUMAR KHANDELWAL

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Union Government for the welfare of workers in unorganised sector during 1999,2000 and current year till 31st March, 2001;

(b) the amount allocated to States for this purpose during the above period year-wise, State-wise and scheme-wise; and

(c) the number of workers in unorganised sector who benefited from this during the above period, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

statement referred to in reply to lok sabha starred question no. 420 dated 16.4.2001 by shri vijay kumar khandelwal and smt sheela gautam regarding welfare of workers.

The Government have taken several steps for the welfare of workers in the unorganised sector. A large number of existing labour laws like the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1923, the Minimum Wages Act, 1948, the Payment of Wages Act, 1936, the Employees' State Insurance Act, 1948, the Maternity Benefit Act, 1961, the Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972, the Equal Remuneration Act, 1976, the Contract Labour (Regulation & Abolition) Act, 1970, the Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976 and Inter-State Migrant Workmen (RE & CS) Act, 1979, the Building and Other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1996 and Building and Other Construction Workers' Welfare Cess Act, 1996 are applicable to the workers in the unorganised sector. These Acts look after the interests of the workers in terms of wages, working hours, social security, etc.

The Government have formulated various schemes under existing Welfare Funds Viz.

(i) Beedi Workers Fund

(ii) Cine Workers Welfare Fund,

(iii) Iron Ore Mines, Manganese Ore Mines and Chrome Ore Mines Welfare Fund,

(iv) Lime Stone and Dolomite Mines and Chrome Ore Mines Welfare Fund,

(iv) Lime Stone and Dolomite Mines Labour Welfare Fund and

(v) Mica Mines Labour Welfare Fund to provide social security and welfare measures like group insurance, medical care, education and housing facilities for the workers in these sectors.

The Government are also implementing a number of Plan Schemes like Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojna (JGSY), Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS), Swarnjayanti Gram Swarajgar Yojna (SGSY) etc. for the welfare and improvement of the conditions of rural unorganised workers in the country.

The amounts allocated and persons benefited under various schemes during the years 1999-2000 and 2000-2001, are at Annexures.